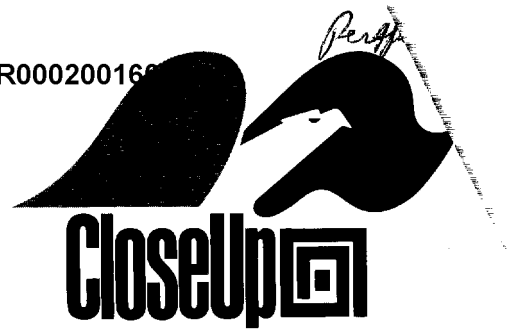


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Dear [Redacted]

Enclosed, "hot off the press," is a copy of the new edition of our book, Perspectives 1978. We at CLOSE UP wish to express our gratitude for your important contribution toward making this book even more interesting than our 1977 edition. We are confident that your article will be read and appreciated by many of the 13,000 students and teachers expected to participate in our 1978 program. In addition, a Library of Congress catalog number has been requested so as to include our book in their collection.

CLOSE UP has annually published Perspectives for use as a resource by the students participating in our program. Prior to 1977, the book consisted of articles reprinted from newspapers, journals, books and other sources. The 1977 edition marked the first time that the book contained original articles written especially for CLOSE UP students. Students and teachers found it to be interesting as well as informative, and numerous school systems requested copies for use in their government courses. In fact, in the Detroit Public Schools (Region Two) a new course was designed with CLOSE UP as a model and Perspectives 1977 as a textbook. We were able to donate these books because of a surplus left at the conclusion of last year's programs.

This year's new, more comprehensive edition has already been requested by many teachers for use in their classrooms. However, with a projection of an increased number of participants, we do not foresee a surplus of books at the end of this year's programs. For next year's edition (1979), therefore, we are exploring the possibilities of printing additional copies and making them available on a wider basis for government studies courses. This might also help us develop a source of revenue for additional student and teacher fellowships, as well as for program development. We will be in touch in the near future with more information concerning these plans.

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